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My Dear Mother:

Having come to a spare moment I will write you a line although I am having a hard neuralgia headache. Yesterday we had our annual Sunday School and Congregational picnic. This is always wearing & tiresome. The Dr. and Sam went to Ashland and were gone all day so we had no one to help - we had a Seamstress too and Mrs. Stoddard is taking her meals with us. Jennet and Agnes went out before dinner - Mary and I got dinner at home first and then went. I was extremely tired, and my door must have blown open in the night as it was open when I awoke this morning and my window being wide open I was in a draught - hence my neuralgia, and slightly sore throat. There are so many new people

here - the Community is changing so rapidly, I do not enjoy our Friends as I used to do. So many Missionaries are coming, and whilst they are good people they are a kind of floating population to be carried by the Community, in one sense. They live in a temporary kind of way and never entertain any or add to the Social foundations of things or to any permanent Social Structure. Perhaps I am wicked but I confess to an overdose of missionary women and children - the latter are just walking off with things here on the hill.

Dr. Happer has bought a lot on Beall avenue above Mrs McMillans and is going to build a house. He now has the Lucases, the Shackwells and the Graham's and Spaceys and Johnsons and Mrs Pindleton of India; the Lyons and the Leyenbergers and Fitches of Ichang and in a week or two the Evans of Pusie will be here also.

Mr & Mrs Leyenberger are to have charge

of the Home opposite us - Dr. Stoddards house. Jim Brown we are to have two Missionary homes here - Dr. Taylor's house and Dr. Stoddards. Dr. Stoddards is for the olden boys and will be known as the "Livingston Home." and Dr. Taylors, which is for the girls & younger boys, will be called the Westminster Home. Of this Mary Linn the that was Mary Brandon, is to be Matron. I shall be glad to have her here - glad to have some one I have known in other years.

A large back building is to be added to Dr. Taylor's house so it will not be ready till late in the fall. Dr. Sorel, Dr. Hill and Dr. Winkwood are the advisory Committee with a number of ladies, in getting the buildings in order &c.

They have a great time pow-wowing over them. I am not elated over having a lot of boys across the street to keep up a noise and hurra around, but

Sam is. He thinks it will be jolly
for him. I suppose it will be.
We have a Lowell Club that meets every
Thursday evening at Mrs. Casey Rankins.
I enjoy it very much and am sorry to
miss the meetings. Mary and I
expect to go to Champaigne next
Wednesday, to be gone several weeks.
We will be with Lelon and John
there. I have seen so little of them
since they have been home.
Thay and Harry & Elizabeth are now
at the Toledo Fair Katie Jane
is keeping the children. Jamie stays
with Uncle at night. They are getting
along nicely. Mary is so sweet & cute.
John is beginning to get a little rowdy
ish. The Shackells - his relations. I
believe, are next door, and it is bad for
John. I do not know when Elizabeth
will be home - some time next week.
My Willie is holding the fort in Carthage
while Will and Anna are at the Fair.

He will probably be home by the first of August. I think Will not be married this fall as reported. I do not know how this Germon story got started. Fred was here a few days, left on Wednesday last. It is not settled when they will be married - some time within the year.

In general I am feeling better and hope to gain this Summer. Mary is not strong, indeed is quite run down. She needs rest and change.

We were glad to get Ellen's card speaking favorably of you. Now I do think you are of Sufficient age to quit mowing weeks and rolling around in such an undignified manner. Such performances would be bad enough for me!!! I guess you will not do it any more.

A letter from Lily a few days since reported Melancthon better.

I cannot think of anything more to say so I will say Good Night.

Monday A. M. - A lovely morning. Again storm in the night cleared the atmosphere. I had two nightmares in the night! - Do not feel quite well to-day. I met had a letter from Elizabeth this morning - They were all well. Last evening Will Bell called - he was just from Chicago and had seen all the family at the fair. Anna was a good deal used up - would keep going. Will sat down and rested. Julia has been here and Cousin with her. She will be clear used up before she gets started back. I could not begin to do a tithe of what she has done. We are packing to-day thinking a little of going to-morrow.

With much love to all and thanks to Ellen for her Card - Your loving daughter

J. A. Kirkwood.